No. 03-8661

Title:	Melvin T. Smith, Petitioner
	v.
	Massachusetts
Docketed:	February 2, 2004
Lower Ct:	Appeals Court of Massachusetts
Case Nos.:	(00-P-1215)
Decision Date:	May 21, 2003
Discretionary Court Decision Date:	October 3, 2003
Questions Presented	

~~Date~~	~~~~~~~~Proceedings and Orders~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
Dec 31 2003	Petition for a writ of certiorari and motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis filed. (Response due March 3, 2004)
Feb 19 2004	Waiver of right of respondent Massachusetts to respond filed.
Mar 4 2004	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of March 19, 2004.
Mar 12 2004	Response Requested . (Due April 12, 2004)
Apr 14 2004	Order further extending time to file response to petition to and including May 12, 2004.
May 12 2004	Brief of respondent Massachusetts in opposition filed. (PRINTED BRIEF)
May 26 2004	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of June 10, 2004.
Jun 4 2004	Reply of petitioner Melvin T. Smith filed.
Jun 14 2004	Motion of petitioner for leave to proceed in forma pauperis and petition for a writ of certiorari GRANTED.
Jul 13 2004	Extension of time within which to file the joint appendix and petitioner's brief on the merits to and including August 27, 2004.
Aug 24 2004	Further extension of time within which to file the joint appendix and petitioner's brief on the merits to and including September 10, 2004.
Sep 10 2004	Joint appendix filed.
Sep 10 2004	Brief of petitioner Melvin T. Smith filed.
Sep 10 2004	Brief amicus curiae of National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers filed.
Sep 22 2004	Extension of time within which to file respondent's brief on the merits to and including November 1, 2004.
Sep 29 2004	SET FOR ARGUMENT ON Wednesday, December 1, 2004.
Sep 30 2004	CIRCULATED.
Oct 29 2004	Brief amici curiae of Idaho, et al. filed. (Distributed)
Nov 1 2004	Brief amicus curiae of United States filed. (Distributed)
Nov 1 2004	Brief of respondent Massachusetts filed. (Distributed)
Nov 1 2004	Brief amicus curiae of Criminal Justice Legal Foundation filed. (Distributed)
Nov 9 2004	Motion of the Acting Solicitor General for leave to participate in oral argument as amicus curiae and for divided argument filed.
Nov 10 2004	Record received from Appeals Court of Massachusetts. (1 box)
Nov 15 2004	Motion of the Acting Solicitor General for leave to participate in oral argument as amicus curiae and for divided argument GRANTED.

Nov 22 2004	Reply of petitioner Melvin T. Smith filed. (Distributed)
Dec 1 2004	Argued. For petitioner: David J. Nathanson, Boston, Mass. For respondent: Cathryn A. Neaves, Assistant Attorney General, Boston, Mass.; and on behalf of the United States, as amicus curiae, Sri Srinivasan, Assistant to the Solicitor General, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.